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This book analyzes socially committed programs defined as systematic efforts to bring about social change through educative action. Chapter 1 provides examples of socially committed programs and an overview of the book. Chapters 2-7 explore six key questions about seeking to change people in a socially committed way. Chapter 2 looks at those who pursue social objectives by means of educative action. Chapter 3 considers the intent of socially committed programs. Chapter 4 sets out a framework for the epistemic intent of a socially committed program and draws implications for psychological change and formative strategies. Chapter 5 discusses the establishment of the legitimacy of a program's substance and agents. Four varieties of legitimation are considered: charismatic, normative, traditional, and rational. Chapter 6 describes seven varieties of association between participants: categorical, atomistic, collective, primary, dualist, exclusionary, and activist. Chapter 7 considers how a program copes with a specific variety of dysfunction--the doubts, disbelief, dissent, or incapacity of participants. The conclusion returns to the issues of human agency, structural forces, and ideology, considering the autonomy and empowerment of participants as topics worthy of the concern of those who initiate and enact socially committed programs. Contains 215 references. (YLB)

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